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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C07C 327/22		
Applicant RÖHM GMBH & CO. KG et al.		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising: a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of <u>9</u> sheets, as follows: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</div> b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ The international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages _____ 1-61 _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 1-25 received by this Authority on 27 December 2004 (27.12.2004)
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	9-16	YES
	Claims	1-8, 17-25	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	9-16	YES
	Claims	1-8, 17-25	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-25	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

D1: WO 03/011926 A (PPG INDUSTRIES OHIO, INC.)

13 February 2003 (2003-02-13)

D2: WO 03/011925 A (PPG INDUSTRIES OHIO, INC.)

13 February 2003 (2003-02-13)

D6: WO 03/046028 A (ESSILOR INTERNATIONAL COMPAGNIE
GENERAL D'OPTIQUE) 5 June 2003 (2003-06-05)

D8: US-B1-6 342 571

1. The subject matter of claims 1 to 8 and 17 to 25 is no longer novel with respect to D8; see column 5, line 9, to column 6, line 10; column 15, line 59, to column 17, line 45; column 13, lines 36 to 64, and the claims.

2. The mixtures according to claims 9 to 16 differ from those according to D8 by the presence of the specified thiourethane compounds. Therefore the subject matter of claims 9 to 16 is novel.

3. The mixtures according to claims 9 to 16 can be polymerized to form materials having favourable optical properties. Therefore the subject matter of these claims involves an inventive step.

4. D1, D2 and D6 have an earlier priority date than the present application and are therefore relevant to novelty in the European Patent System. They contain

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disclosure which is prejudicial to the novelty of
the subject matter of the current claims.

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ART 34 AMDT

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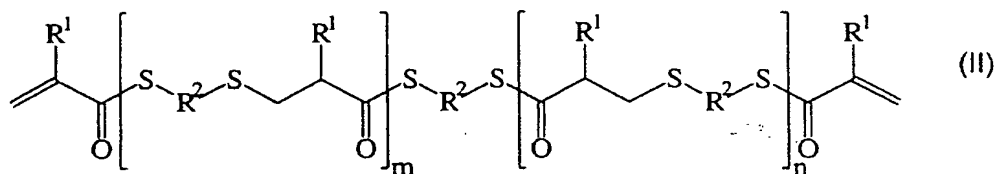
**THE FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE
ARTICLE 34 AMENDED SHEETS (Pages 48-54a)**

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Claims

1. Mixture containing

5 A) compounds of the formula (I) and (II)



10 where R¹ is independently at each instance
hydrogen or a methyl radical,
R² is independently at each instance a linear or
branched, aliphatic or cycloaliphatic radical
and
m and n are each independently an integer of
15 not less than 0 subject to the proviso that
m + n > 0,
and

20 B) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer
(A) which is different from the compounds of
the formula (I) and (II).

2. Mixture according to Claim 1, characterized in
that it contains more than 10 mol%, based on the
25 total amount of compounds of the formula (I) and
(II), of compounds of the formula (II) where
m+n=2.

3. Mixture according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized

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in that the radical R^2 is an aliphatic radical
having 1 to 10 carbon atoms.

4. Mixture according to at least one of the preceding
5 claims, characterized in that it contains more
than 5.8 mol%, based on the total amount of the
compounds of the formula (I) and (II), of
compounds of the formula (II) where $m+n=3$.
- 10 5. Mixture according to at least one of the preceding
claims, characterized in that it contains 0.1 to
50.0 mol%, based on the total amount of the com-
pounds of the formula (I) and (II), of compounds
of the formula (I).
- 15 6. Mixture according to at least one of the preceding
claims, characterized in that it contains more
than 30 mol%, based on the total amount of the
compounds of the formula (I) and (II), of com-
20 pounds of the formula (II) where $m+n=1$.
7. Mixture according to at least one of the preceding
claims, characterized in that it contains
compounds of the formula (II) where $m+n>3$.
- 25 8. Mixture according to one or more of the preceding
claims, characterized in that the total
fraction of compounds of the formula (I) and (II)
is at least 5.0% by weight, based on the total
30 weight of the mixture.
9. Mixture according to at least one of the preceding
claims, characterized in that it contains at least
one thiourethane compound (T) as monomer (A), said
35 compound (T) being in turn obtainable by

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- a) reaction of one equivalent of at least one
diisocyanate of the formula (X)



where

- 5 R^9 is a linear or branched aliphatic or
cycloaliphatic radical,

with

v_D equivalents of a dithiol of the general
formula (XI)



where

v_D is from 0.1 to 0.9,

R^{10} is a linear or branched, aliphatic or
cycloaliphatic radical,

- 15 or

v_D equivalents of a mixture comprising at
least one dithiol of the general
formula (II) and at least one compound of
the general formula (V)



where

R^{11} is a linear or branched, aliphatic or
cycloaliphatic radical,

Z is oxygen or sulphur,

- 25 in the presence of a catalytically effective
amount of a known urethane chemistry catalyst,
especially pyridine, diazobicyclo(2.2.2)octane,
collidine and/or picoline

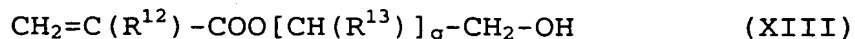
- 30 b) reaction - in the presence of customary
reaction-catalyzing and -stabilizing compounds
- of at least one α,ω -difunctional thiourethane
compound of step a)

with

- 35 v_H equivalents of at least one hydroalkyl
(meth)acrylate of the general

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formula (XIII)



where

$$v_H = 2 - 2 * v_D,$$

- 5 R^{12} is hydrogen or a methyl radical,
 R^{13} is hydrogen or a linear or branched alkyl
 radical having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and
 q is a positive integer from 1 to 3.

- 10 10. Mixture according to Claim 9, characterized in
 that the radical R^{13} is hydrogen.
11. Mixture according to Claim 9 or 10, characterized
 in that the hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylate(s) of the
15 formula (XIII) are 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate,
 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, 4-hydroxybutyl
 methacrylate and 4-hydroxybutyl acrylate.
12. Mixture according to one or more of Claims 9 to
20 11, characterized in that the radical R^9 is an
 aliphatic radical having 2 to 9 carbon atoms.
13. Mixture according to one or more of Claims 9 to
25 12, characterized in that the radical R^{10} is an
 aliphatic radical having 1 to 10 carbon atoms,
 preferably a linear aliphatic radical having 2 to
 8 carbon atoms.
14. Mixture according to one or more of Claims 9 to
30 13, characterized in that it contains at least one
 ethylenically unsaturated monomer (B) which is
 different from the thiourethane compound (T), as a
 monomer (A).
- 35 15. Mixture according to Claim 14, characterized in
 that that at least one ethylenically unsaturated

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monomer (B) is a (meth)acrylate of the
formula (XIV)

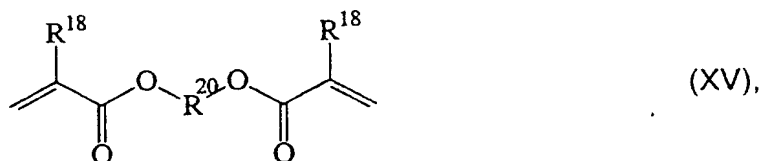


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where R^{18} is hydrogen or methyl and R^{19} is a
linear or branched alkyl or cycloalkyl radical
having 1 to 40 carbon atoms,

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a di(meth)acrylate of the formula (XV)



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where R^{18} is independently at each instance
hydrogen or methyl and R^{20} is a linear or branched,
aliphatic or cycloaliphatic radical or a radical
of the general formula (XVa)



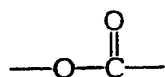
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where R^{22} is a linear or branched, aliphatic
or cycloaliphatic radical, z is an integer
between 1 and 1000,

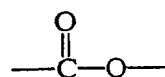
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R^{21} is independently at each instance a linear
or branched, aliphatic or cycloaliphatic
radical and X^1 is independently at each
instance hydrogen or sulphur, an ester group
of the general formula (XVb), (XVc)

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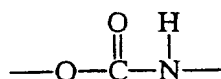
(XVb)



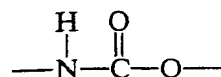
(XVc)

a urethane group of the general formula (XVd),
(XVe), (XVf) or (XVg)

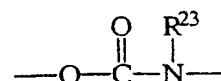
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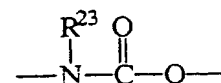
(XVd)



(XVe)



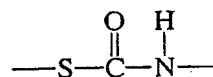
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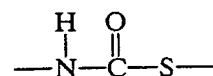
(XVg)

a thiourethane group of the general formula
(XVh), (XVi), (XVj) or (XVk)

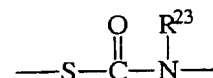
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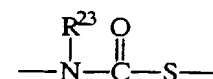
(XVh)



(XVi)



(XVj)



(XVk)

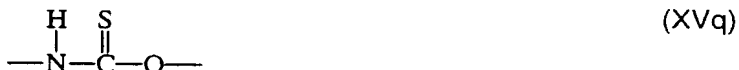
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a dithiourethane group of the general formula
(XVl), (XVm), (XVn) or (XVo)



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or a thiocarbamate group of the general formula
(XVp), (XVq), (XVr) or (XVs)



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where R^{23} is a linear or branched, aliphatic or
cycloaliphatic radical,
and/or styrene.

- 15 16. Mixture according to Claim 15, characterized in
that the monomer (B) is a di(meth)acrylate of the
formula (XV).

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17. Process for producing a highly transparent plastic, characterized in that a mixture according to at least one of the preceding claims is polymerized.
18. Highly transparent plastic obtainable by a process according to Claim 17.
19. Highly transparent plastic according to Claim 16, characterized in that its DIN 53491 refractive index is greater than 1.6.
20. Highly transparent plastic according to Claim 17 or 18, characterized in that its DIN 53491 Abbe number is greater than 36.
21. Highly transparent plastic according to at least one of Claims 17 to 19, characterized in that its ISO 179/1fU Charpy impact toughness is greater than 3.0 kJ/m².
22. Highly transparent plastic according to at least one of Claims 17 to 20, characterized in that its DIN 5036 transmission is greater than 88.5%.
23. Highly transparent plastic according to at least one of Claims 17 to 21, characterized in that its ISO 306 Vicat temperature is greater than 50.0°C.
24. Use of the highly transparent plastic according to at least one of Claims 17 to 22 as an optical lens, preferably as an ophthalmic lens.
25. Optical and especially ophthalmic lens comprising a highly transparent plastic according to at least one of Claims 17 to 22.